

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Rosen

DATE: 12-1-63

FROM: J. L. Harney

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

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At 1:37 a.m. 12-1-63, Extra Duty Supervisor Stephen F. McInerney was contacted telephonically by ASAC Kyle G. Clark, Dallas Office, who advised that he had the following answers to questions previously presented in this case by Mr. McGowan concerning the following items:

Police Officers Interviewed at Dallas

Investigation at the Dallas Police Department determined that there were 77 officers on duty in the basement of the Police Department at time of the Oswald shooting. Thirty-six of these officers have been interviewed by Bureau Agents, and steps are being taken to interview the remaining forty-one officers. Clark advised that some of the interviews conducted to date have disclosed additional names of officers who were on the scene, and they will also be interviewed.

News Media

To date the Dallas Office has identified forty-six individuals connected with the news media that had been at the scene of the Oswald shooting. Eighteen of those individuals have been interviewed in Dallas. Eighteen additional are scheduled for interview in Dallas, and leads have been set out for other offices to interview ten other of these individuals.

ASAC Clark raised the question concerning a memo for the President which was prepared which indicated that there were 150 persons at the scene of the Oswald shooting in Dallas other than police officers. Clark stated that since investigation conducted in Dallas to date has failed to indicate that there were that many individuals other than police officers at the scene, they would appreciate being advised of the source which indicated the number to be 150 so that attempts could be made to verify same.

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Mr. Clark advised that as of instant call the Ruby-CR report index is not complete but they expect to have same completed today, 12-1-63, and the Bureau would be advised when same would reach Washington which should be sometime on Sunday, 12-1-63. Clark advised that the report in this case is made up of 800 and some pages.

Mr. Clark advised that Agents at Dallas had placed four packages on American Airlines Flight 628 at 11:37 p.m. on 11-30-63 for delivery at Washington National Airport, morning of 12-1-63. Packages consist of following:

Large box containing reports re Ruby-CR.
A flat package containing X-ray of Governor Connally.
Two tubes, one containing portion of a window sill which appears to have fingerprints on same. Second tube contains a hand sketch of the Dallas Police Department basement.

Mr. Clark advised that American Airlines Flight 628's schedule is as follows:

Departs Love Field, Dallas, Texas, 11:37 p.m. 11-30-63
(In charge of Captain Mark Huebner)
Arrives Memphis, Tennessee, 1:25 a.m. 12-1-63
Arrives Nashville, Tennessee, 2:55 a.m. 12-1-63.
(Crew change at this point, flight number remains the same.)
Captain William Reese will be in charge of flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Washington, D. C.
Expected arrival Washington, D. C., 6:43 a.m.
12-1-63 (Washington National Airport)

Clark described the location of the Bureau packages aboard instant flight as follows: Two tubes are located behind Captain's seat. Large box and flat package located behind Co-pilot's seat on right side in crew baggage compartment below oxygen tanks in area where mail is stored. Captain Huebner has been instructed to remain in plane with instant packages until relieved by Captain Reese at Nashville.

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Mr. Clark advised that authorized polygraph test given to James E. Floyd 11-30-63 who had claimed Ruby offered him \$5,000 to kill Governor Connally and test indicated that Floyd was lying. Floyd subsequently admitted that he was lying and had done so in an attempt to hurt Ruby since that individual had dated Floyd's wife while Floyd was in jail. Detailed report will be submitted re polygraph exam.

Mr. Clark advised that Dallas had been requested by Mr. J. Allison Conley to supply answers to three questions previously directed to Dallas concerning this investigation. He advised that question number 1 was answered in Dallas tel to Bureau 11-30-63, 1:26 a.m. Question number 2 re interview of Alkanan is answered in report of Ruby-CR en route Bureau. Question number 3 being answered by teletype today, 12-1-63. Mr. Clark stated that the question concerning interview of radio station employees was answered in part in Dallas tel 11-29-63, 7:30 p.m., which referenced Mr. Handley's telephone call of 11-28-63 at which time nine questions were presented to Dallas.

ACTION

At 2:05 a.m. 12-1-63, Mr. Wade Barger, Washington Field, was telephonically contacted by SA Stephen F. McInerney and advised in detail concerning the four packages mentioned above. He advised that he would immediately take steps to insure that an Agent from Washington Field makes contact with Captain Reese, American Airlines Flight 628, Washington National Airport, at 6:43 am 12-1-63, and takes possession of instant packages and thereafter deliver same to the General Investigative Division, Room 5714, Justice Building, on 12-1-63.

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